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'He was something else'

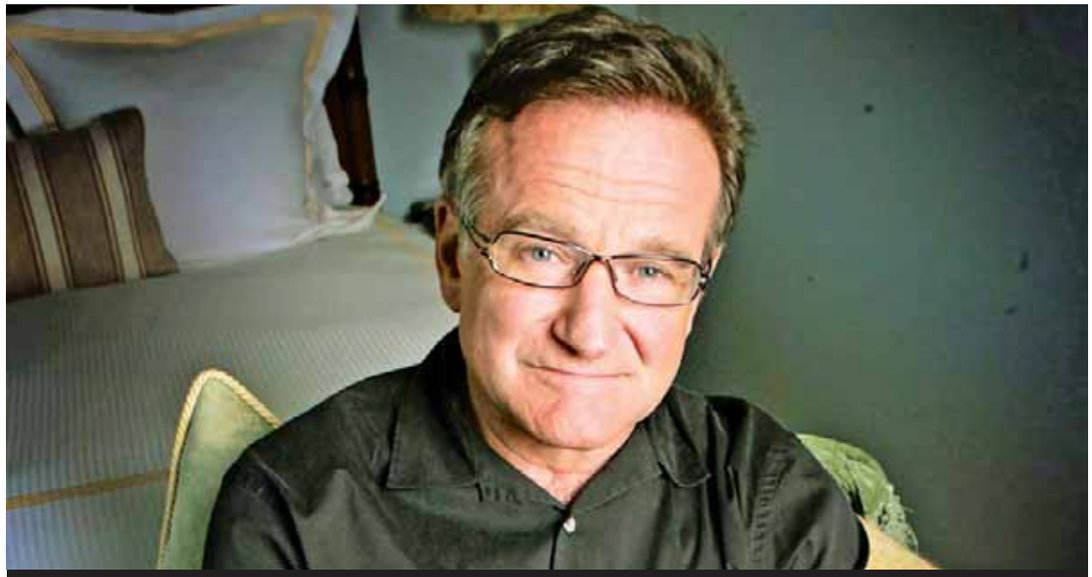
Standup guy. Local comedian recalls his connection with the late Robin Williams

Vancouver-based standup comedian Simon King met Robin Williams only a handful of times, but when he heard of the actor's death Monday, he says he felt "absolutely gutted."

"It was like a death in the family," King told Metro. "It felt weirdly personal to someone I really didn't know that much."

Williams, who had been battling severe depression recently, was found dead in his San Francisco Bay Area-home on Monday after he apparently hanged himself. An investigation determined the comedian hanged himself with his belt, according to police officials. He was 63.

The Oscar-winning actor's death evoked an outpouring of grief from fans around the world, including many Vancouverites. Williams had a strong connection with Vancouver, having filmed several movies here including Night at the Museum, Jumanji and RV. Williams would also often show up at local comedy clubs and give informal standup sets.



Robin Williams came up to Vancouver several times over the years for work and pleasure. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

That's how King first met the actor, when Williams showed up on his bicycle at the now-defunct comedy room Urban Well in Kitsilano. Decked out in head-to-toe spandex, King said Williams, in typical fashion, was quick to crack a joke upon entering the room.

"He said that he looked like an Italian superhero, which was really funny," he recalled with a laugh.

When Williams returned to Vancouver a few years later, King said he ran into him at French-Canadian bistro Zizanie on West 7th Avenue, which has also since closed.

Williams instantly remembered him despite only meeting once briefly, he said.

"It was like seeing an old friend," he said. "That speaks a lot to who he was."

After catching up, King took Williams to a local independent comedy club where the actor stuck around and chatted despite the club being empty that night. Vowing to return, Williams was true to his word, King said, coming back two weeks later to a packed room where he gave a hilarious 45-minute set.

"He was something else," King said. "It must have been what it's like to hear Mozart play. It was that good."

The last time King heard from Williams was in 2007, when the actor personally wrote a letter of support for his U.S. work-visa application, which King credited with helping him secure the immigration paperwork.

King said he hopes Williams' death will spark "real conversation" about mental illness. During their interactions, he said he never suspected the comic genius could be dealing with depression.

"I think that's the thing with him," he said. "He gave so much joy that he just ran out of it."

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Mount Polley mine

Bans on drinking water, fish largely lifted after spill

A drinking-water ban that followed a mine tailings spill was mostly lifted Tuesday, and fish from the area were declared safe to eat.

The tailings dam at the Mount Polley mine failed last Monday, sending water and silt spilling into lakes and rivers in a remote area about 600 kilometres northeast of Vancouver.

More than 300 people were ordered not to drink or bathe in their water as the company that owns the mine, Imperial Metals, began cleaning up the mess and the government set out to test what exactly leaked out.

Initial results came back within guidelines, prompting authorities to partially lift the ban last Friday.

Dr. Trevor Corneil of Interior Health said most of the remaining ban was lifted Tuesday afternoon, with the exception of Polley Lake, which sits next to the failed tailings pond; an adjacent creek that flows into Quesnel Lake; and a small portion of Quesnel Lake.

The area that remains under a water ban is largely uninhabited.

Late Tuesday, the Neskonlith Indian Band issued an eviction notice to Imperial Metals, urging the company to stop development on an unrelated project and leave the band's territory in the Thompson Okanagan region. The eviction notice does not apply to the Mount Polley area.

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Marc Emery gets a hug from his wife, Jodie, during a press conference near the border crossing in Windsor, Ont., on Tuesday. GEOFF ROBINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Emery defiant in return to Canada

Marijuana mission. Recently freed activist gets political, vows to continue his campaign

Canada's so-called Prince of Pot returned to a raucous welcome from supporters Tuesday after finishing his U.S. sentence, vowing to continue his activism even if it means more arrests.

Loud cheers and clouds of pot smoke rose as Marc Emery, 56, arrived in the Ontario border city of Windsor after completing his five-year sentence for selling marijuana seeds from Canada to American customers.

Emery hugged his wife, Jodie, who wants to run in next year's federal election for the Liberals — Leader Justin Trudeau supports legalizing marijuana — then launched into a long, pro-Liberal speech peppered with prison anecdotes.

"I do believe that they are sincere that they will legalize marijuana," Emery said.

"I know it's the most uncool thing in the world to have to say, especially to young people, that voting is the answer, but it is. It absolutely is."

Emery acknowledged that he has a lot of work ahead, as many people in the "cannabis culture" don't often vote, but he called it an "underestimated voting block" with a lot of potential power.

"If we can get this Liberal majority government next year we'll never need to go to the polls to make marijuana legal ever again," he said.

In the meantime, he plans to hit 30 Canadian cities next year ahead of the election, tour universities in the winter and take his message international, going to countries such as Spain and Ireland.

"Whenever we make those appearances we're going to be giving the same message, and it's a worldwide message: Nothing good comes of marijuana prohibition," Emery said.

"If you don't want young people to smoke marijuana that's one thing, but to give them a criminal record, to stigmatize them with a criminal record, to put them in jail for one night … to me that is a very traumatizing thing."

Emery said he has been arrested 28 times for "marijuana civil disobedience" and his just-completed sentence is simply the latest.

"It may not even be the last if I have to continue to prove my point," he said.

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54% increase. Gun seizures up at B.C. border crossings

The Canada Border Services Agency says gun seizures at Pacific region border crossings have shot up 54 per cent.

The agency made a total of 37 firearm busts between April 1 and June 30, compared to 24 in the same time frame last year.

The alleged smugglers have certainly made officials work for their catch. On June 18, officers at the Pacific Highway border crossing seized a restricted handgun and three overcapacity cartridge magazines from a U.S. resident.

The suspect had disassembled the gun into two pieces, one half stashed in his vehicle's centre console and the other tucked away in the front pocket of a soft-sided cooler.

Another bust involved two U.S. residents at the same crossing, on June 12, who declared 16 long guns while attempting to cross into Canada.

A collection of firearms seized at the Pacific Highway on June 12, 2014. CONTRIBUTED

A secondary examination turned out another five non-declared, and illegal, handguns.

To date, 17 individuals have been charged, though more are pending. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Bask in the sunshine during the last weeks of summer

Zak Harman of North Vancouver is silhouetted by the setting sun as he wake_surfs on Sprout Lake near Port Alberni on Monday. Locally, Environment Canada is calling for a 60 per cent chance of showers Wednesday morning and sun with clouds in the afternoon.

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Public transit essential for homeless people: Survey

Survey of 131 homeless people. Almost half of respondents said they haven't been able to get to a shelter because they couldn't access transit

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While Canada's most controversial mayor was claiming, "If you haven't got a job, you won't need transit," a survey of homeless people in Vancouver shows that access to public transit is essential.

Needless to say, Wanda Mulholland — the community development co-ordinator for the Burnaby Task Force on Homelessness — would not have agreed with Rob Ford's words.

"We know that people in extreme poverty need access to transit to access shelter, opportunities and to exit homelessness," she said.

Mulholland is part of a transit working group created by the Vancouver Urban Core Community Workers Association that is in active discussions with TransLink and the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation to develop a homeless transit plan.

The group is asking TransLink to provide a 50 per cent discount on bulk fare purchases by shelters and service providers so clients can be given transfers. It also asks TransLink to waive fare-evasion fines in demonstrated cases of extreme poverty and to establish a committee to create a transit plan for the homeless.

A recent survey of 131 homeless people throughout the Lower Mainland provided to Metro highlights the need to make public transit accessible even to those who may not be able to afford regular fares, according to Mulholland.

Forty-one per cent of respondents said that at some point they've been unable to get to a shelter because they weren't able to access transit, while 70 per cent rely on transit for getting around and make more than 15 trips per month.

Twenty-six per cent of the people surveyed have been fined within the last year. Some have been fined upwards of 20 times for trying to access transit.

"It shows the need for a homeless plan," said Mulholland, who added Victoria and several U.S. cities already have similar programs in place to make transit accessible for the poor.

"There's a clear understanding that people need transit to get around so they can access shelters, health appointments or even job interviews. But accessing transit is prohibitive for many people."

Mulholland says discussions with authorities have been productive, but talks are ongoing.

The initiative has been endorsed by the cities of Vancouver, Surrey and New Westminster.

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Attempted carjacking

Good Samaritans hailed as heroes

The Vancouver police department is lauding several Good Samaritans for thwarting an attempted carjacking on Main Street at East Broadway on Monday.

Several passersby stepped in when a man jumped through a passenger window and tried to grab the keys from a woman's car when she was stopped at a red light, according to police.

The man allegedly bit the woman before she fought him off and escaped from her vehicle, while the passersby pulled the man from the car and pinned him down until police arrived. The man is facing robbery and assault charges

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$177 million

B.C. fire costs triple the budget

Hot, dry weather has painted a forest-protection map of B.C. a combination of bright red and dun brown, showing high or extreme fire danger ratings over much of the province.

With a brief exception, the weather has been unseasonably warm and dry starting in July, said Navi Saini, a provincial fire information officer.

"Weather is the No. 1 indicator for fire activity," she said.

Hundreds of fires have stretched manpower thin and blown the provincial firefighting budget this season. The cost of fighting fires in the province has leaped to $177 million this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mayoral candidate promises 'culture of disclosure'

Accountability. NPA's Kirk LaPointe says Vancouver is 'a great city, badly run'

The Non-Partisan Association mayoral candidate doesn't want to keep secrets at Vancouver City Hall.

Kirk LaPointe vowed Tuesday to boost accountability if elected by creating a bylaw requiring routine disclosure of city information, hiring an ombudsperson to investigate complaints and developing a new process for "genuine" community consultation.

"Vancouver is a great city, badly run," LaPointe wrote on his blog. "These efforts on transparency and consultation are first steps to restore trust and rebuild the relationship that has steadily separated (Mayor) Gregor Robertson's City Hall from the city it should be serving."

The disclosure bylaw would apply to "discussions, deliberations, all kinds of data that flow from meetings," LaPointe said in an interview with Metro. While it's not clear exactly what that would look like, LaPointe said the important thing is the "culture of disclosure instead of the culture of denial."

LaPointe also would revamp the consultation process, which he said comes across as "window dressing" to many neighbourhoods undergoing change.

"By the time any meetings were held, largely it was a fait accompli," he said.

The NPA would do consultation to see what neighbourhoods want before developments are proposed, he said.

This would entail regular meetings and discussion that include marginalized groups, he said.

But Vision Vancouver Coun. Geoff Meggs questioned LaPointe's criticism of the city's consultation, saying there have been twice as many community meetings in the past three years than the past several terms.

"There's evidence everywhere of consultation," Meggs said, pointing to the engaged city task force.

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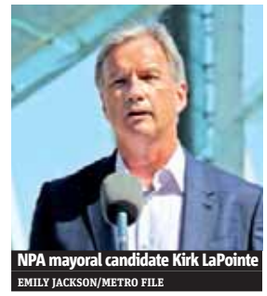

NPA mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe
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Grandview-Woodland.
Vancouver moves forward with 'Citizens' Assembly'

A community that didn't like the city's plans for tall towers in its neighbourhood is embarking on a unique path to develop a better plan with a "Citizens' Assembly."

Nearly a year after city council delayed the Grandview-Woodland community plan pending further consultation, the city has selected 48 people to form a Citizens' Assembly to review the plan and make recommendations to improve it.

More than 500 people volunteered to be part of the assembly, which will attend 10 full-day meetings to hammer out details on how they envision the neighbourhood's future by summer 2015 — well after November's election.

The unprecedented process with a budget of $275,000 came about last September after an uproar over plans for very tall towers at Commercial and Broadway that seemingly appeared in the community plan out of nowhere.

"We're obviously interested in watching just to see how this goes," said Kent Munro, assistant director of planning. "It might be a model we want to use in other community planning processes."

The assembly is tasked with presenting a final report on its recommendations to city council before June 30, 2015.

"We've given a pretty broad mandate to the Citizens' Assembly," Munro added. "We definitely want them to explore whatever they want to explore, do it at whatever depth of detail they want."

After hearing the recommendations, council will likely direct staff to amend the community plan before it is passed. It's not clear how long this will take.

"We don't want to constrain this by time, because we want to get it right," Munro said.

Some people in the neighbourhood are critical of the Citizens' Assembly. They believe anyone who wants to should be able to participate in decision-making, not just a randomly selected representative group.

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White Rock

Police identify victim in Sunday homicide

Homicide police have identified Bruce Alexander Ridout, 61, as the victim of a homicide in White Rock, B.C., on Sunday.

Jeffrey Caille, 22, has been charged with one count of second-degree murder, one count of assault causing bodily harm, and two counts of assault in connection with his incident, according to the RCMP's Integrated Homicide Investigation Team.

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Surrey

Homicide squad investigate after man found dead

Homicide police are investigating after a man was found dead in a home in Surrey on Monday.

Another man was arrested at the scene after Surrey RCMP were called around 1 p.m. to a dispute at a home in the 14,000 block of 60 Avenue.

Officers found a man inside the home who was pronounced dead.

Police said the suspect and victim knew each other.

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Apparent suicide

Authorities say Williams was found by assistant

Authorities detailed Robin Williams' final moments Tuesday, saying the actor and comedian hanged himself with a belt in his San Francisco Bay Area home.

Marin County Sheriff's Lt. Keith Boyd said Williams was last seen alive by his wife Sunday night when she went to bed. She woke up the next morning and left, thinking he was still asleep.

Afterward, Williams' personal assistant came to the Tiburon home and became concerned when Williams failed to respond to knocks at a door. The assistant found the actor dead in a bedroom and called police. Boyd said all evidence indicates Williams took his own life. But he said a final ruling will be made once toxicology reports and interviews with witnesses are complete.

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'I was shameful': Robin Williams on longtime battle with addiction

'It lays in wait.' Beloved actor and comedian was found dead in his San Francisco Bay Area home on Monday

A sign is written in chalk at a makeshift memorial on Tuesday in Boulder, Colo., outside the home where the '80s TV series Mork & Mindy, starring the late Robin Williams, was set. BRENNAN LINSLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Addiction seemed to stalk Robin Williams, tempting him when he was weak and taunting him when he least expected it.

"It lays in wait for the time when you think, 'It's fine now, I'm OK,'" he told Good Morning America in 2006. "Then, the next thing you know, it's not OK. Then you realize, 'Where am I? I didn't realize I was in Cleveland.'"

Williams, the comic whirlwind known for his hilarious stream-of-consciousness ramblings, was found dead Monday after the 63-year-old hanged himself in his San Francisco Bay Area home.

On film, he played everything from a genie to a psychiatrist. In life, he battled periodic bouts of substance abuse and depression, opening up about them to journalists with self-deprecating wit and making his struggles fuel for his comedy.

"Cocaine for me was a place to hide," he told People in 1988.

One of his first wake-up calls was in 1982 when fellow comedian John Belushi died of a fatal drug overdose. Williams briefly partied with the Saturday Night Live star the night he died and his friend's passing coupled with impending fatherhood forced the comedian to quit cocaine and alcohol cold turkey.

Sobriety lasted 20 years. Then the taunts became overwhelming again. He told Parade magazine in 2013 that his relapse after two decades of sobriety was frighteningly simple.

"One day I walked into a store and saw a little bottle of Jack Daniel's.... I drank it, and there was that brief moment of 'Oh, I'm OK!' But it escalated so quickly."

Williams continued his recovery by attending weekly AA meetings. But his second marriage, to film producer Marsha Garces, ended in 2008 — largely because of his drinking.

"You know, I was shameful, and you do stuff that causes disgust, and that's hard to recover from."

Recently, a new bout of depression prompted the actor to enter rehab. His publicist, Mara Buxbaum, said at the time that Williams made the decision because he needed to recharge after working for 18 months straight. On Monday, the struggle ended. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More coverage

Richard Crouse looks at the best movie moments from Robin Williams' career, page 13.

Toronto. Police chief Bill Blair files defamation notice against Doug Ford

Toronto's police chief has filed a defamation notice against Mayor Rob Ford's brother for comments the city councillor made earlier this month.

Doug Ford suggested two weeks ago that Chief Bill Blair helped leak information that police were preparing to subpoena the mayor in an ongoing investigation as "payback," although he declined to elaborate on what he meant.

At the time, Blair said Ford was lying and warned he was prepared to take legal action.

Toronto police spokesman Mark Pugash said the defamation notice was handed to the councillor on Monday night.

"What the notice specifies is a public retraction and apology in a forum to be agreed (upon) beforehand by Chief Blair," he said. "There's no mention of money at all in the document."

Pugash added that the legal action is being pursued by Blair personally, and doesn't involve taxpayer money.

"The next step is with the councillor," Pugash said.

Doug Ford said Tuesday that the issue was with his lawyers and refused to directly answer questions about whether he would apologize to Blair.

"There is no lawsuit as far as I know," he said.

Doug Ford, right, leads Mayor Rob Ford out of the studio following the City TV mayoral debate in Toronto in this March file photo. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS

The councillor also criticized Pugash's role as a spokesperson for Blair's "private issues."

At a news conference at his campaign headquarters, Mayor Ford said he couldn't comment on the matter.

"The issue is between the chief and my brother," he said.

"I've said what I had to say about the chief. I wish him the best of luck, I want to thank him for his service and that's all I can say," Rob Ford said, although he added he was "baffled" that the media found out about the notice of defamation so soon after it was served to his brother.

On Aug. 1, the Toronto Star cited sources saying police were preparing to subpoena the mayor to testify at a preliminary hearing for his friend Alessandro (Sandro) Lisi, who is facing drug and extortion charges.

Doug Ford blamed the apparent leak on Blair, calling it politically motivated.

"When you tell the media there's a subpoena and don't tell anyone else? That alone says it all right there. That says it all," he said at the time."It's disappointing that the police chief, in my opinion, would condone this behaviour from his own department."

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Extremely rare triplet panda cubs rest in an incubator on Tuesday at the Chimelong Safari Park in Guangzhou, China. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China. Zoo announces birth of rare panda triplets

China announced Tuesday the birth of extremely rare panda triplets in a further success for the country's artificial breeding program.

The three cubs were born July 29 in the southern city of Guangzhou, but breeders delayed an announcement until they were sure all three would survive, the official China News Service said.

The mother, Ju Xiao, and the three as-yet-unnamed cubs are healthy, the news agency said. Photos showed the three sleeping and standing in their incubator, their bodies pink and mostly hairless.

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This February 1950 photo shows actor Humphrey Bogart, left, and his wife, actress wasy Bogart's partner off and on the screen. She died Tuesday in

Lauren dead at

1924-2014. Star of stage and screen, and Humphrey Bogart's partner on and off the screen, was among the last of the old-school Hollywood stars

Lauren Bacall, the slinky, sultry-voiced actress who created on-screen magic with Humphrey Bogart in To Have and Have Not and The Big Sleep and off-screen magic in one of Hollywood's most storied marriages, died Tuesday at age 89.

Bacall, whose long career brought two Tonys and a special Oscar, died in New York. The managing partner of the Humphrey Bogart Estate, Robbert J.F. de Klerk, said that Bacall died at home, but declined to give further details.

She was among the last of the old-fashioned Hollywood stars and her legend, and the legend of "Bogie and Bacall" — the hard-boiled couple who could fight and make up with the best of them — started almost from the moment she appeared on screen. A fashion model and bit-part New York actress before moving to Hollywood at 19, Bacall achieved immediate fame in 1944 with one scene in

Study

Sierra Club alarmed by low calving rates of blue whales in Gulf of St. Lawrence

The Sierra Club Canada says a study of the blue whale in the Gulf of St. Lawrence indicates alarmingly low calving rates for the endangered species.

The organization says the non-profit Mingan Island Cetacean Study has followed blue whale populations in eastern Canada, the Sea of Cortez and in the waters of Iceland for the past 35 years and has identified 475 individual whales.

The study says that population has only produced 22 calves.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans estimates there are fewer than 250 adult blue whales left in the northwest Atlantic population today. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lauren Bacall at the Stork Club in New York. The sultry-voiced New York. She was 89. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Bacall age 89

her first film, To Have and Have Not.

Leaving Bogart's hotel room, she murmured: "You don't have to say anything, and you don't have to do anything. Not a thing. Oh, maybe just whistle. You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve? You just put your lips together and blow."

She was less than half Bogart's age, yet as wise and as jaded as him. Her sly glance, with chin down and eyes raised, added to her fame; she was nicknamed "The Look." Bogart and Bacall married amid headlines in 1945, and they co-starred in three more films, The Big Sleep (1946), Dark Passage (1947) and Key Largo (1948). Their marriage lasted until Bogart's death in 1957.

She appeared in movies for more than a half-century, but not until 1996 did she receive an Academy Award nomination — as supporting actress for The Mirror Has Two Faces. She lost to Juliette Binoche.

She finally got a statuette in November 2009 when she was presented with a special Oscar at the movie academy's new Governors Awards gala.

When the American Film Institute compiled its list of screen legends in 1999, Bacall ranked No. 20 on the roster of 25 actresses. Bogart topped the list of actors.

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New York

New law closes the shutter on popular 'tiger selfies'

Men in New York will have to find new ways to attract mates now that it's illegal to pose for photos with a tiger, lion or other big cat — a practice popular on online dating sites but denounced by wildlife advocates as potentially dangerous to both man and beast.

A law signed this week by Gov. Andrew Cuomo prohibits direct contact between members of the public and big cats at travelling animal shows and fairs. Animal exhibitors would face fines for each violation.

So-called "tiger selfies" have emerged as popular profile photos on online dating sites, with users — generally young men — looking to stand out by posting a photo of themselves with the dangerous predators.

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Use of untested Ebola drugs ethical: WHO

The use of untested Ebola treatments to help quell the current outbreak in West Africa is ethical, the World Health Organization said Tuesday.

But the Geneva-based global health agency said countries that use experimental treatments have a moral obligation to collect data so the world can learn what works — and which treatments to stop using, if any turn out to be unsafe.

The statement came following a daylong meeting Monday of an expert panel that the WHO convened to advise it on the thorny ethical issues of using experimental drugs in this outbreak. It was composed of ethicists — including University of Toronto professor Dr. Ross Upshur — a representative of a patient advocacy group and others.

While the statement may clear the way for additional use of experimental Ebola products, it made no reference to the fact that there are barely any supplies of any of them in stock. Making clinical grade experimental drugs is costly and in the early stages of drug development, companies generally only make small batches.

On Monday afternoon, LeafBio of San Diego, Calif., the company developing ZMapp, the product given to two American workers who contracted Ebola in Liberia, said it had exhausted its supply, components of which were created at Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

It was reported that a treatment course was obtained for an infected Spanish priest who was taken to Madrid for care. The priest, Miguel Pajares, 75, died Tuesday. The hospital where he was treated would not reveal if he had been given ZMapp before he died. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Consumers drink up wacky new waters

H2Oh my. Waters, from coconut to maple to birch, are quenching the thirst for pop alternatives

Coconut water, maple water, even birch and cactus waters.... A quick inventory of beverages in the produce section makes it clear — plant waters are rising.

Soda and non-fresh juice sales are flat or slipping slightly, but sales of plant-based products like coconut water — along with other alternative beverages such as kombucha and tea-based drinks — are growing, particularly those sold alongside your fruits and veggies, according to data compiled by market research firm Nielsen.

Introduced several years ago, coconut water has been big for a while. Maple water is a newer entry and is essentially maple sap, the stuff that normally is boiled down to syrup. Brands include Vertical Water and SEVA. And that's not the only tree water on the market. There's also birch water and, on the plant side, cactus, barley and artichoke waters.

Sales of all waters, including the new products, "fitness" and enhanced waters, as well as regular sparkling and still, grew four per cent by value and nearly seven per cent by volume since July 2013.

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American airport tries humane way to control Canada geese

Heavy birds like Canada geese — which caused US Airways Flight 1549 to force-land in the Hudson River in 2009 in the so-called Miracle on the Hudson — are believed to avoid long grasses because they fear predators might be hiding within. Dayton International Airport hopes to complete planting the tall prairie grass under the takeoff and landing paths by the end of this year. PHIL INGLIS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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ROBIN WILLIAMS: HIS LAST, TRAGIC IMPROV

JUST SAYIN'

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Robin Williams was the greatest comedian who ever lived.

I don't think there's any doubt (fire) about that.

But that may be the most heartbreaking sentence I've ever written because of the "was."

Robin Williams killed himself Monday, and I would like to believe that before he did it, he went through one last funny little monologue in his head about killing yourself on a Monday.

Maybe he wove a spell of threads and ideas about Stormy Monday or how the Geldof family didn't like Mondays either or how — here's the point — Tuesday's just the same. And faced with that, he killed himself.

It's impossible to believe that, no matter how depressed or addicted or stressed or whatever he was, his magnificent, improvising mind ever failed to rise to the challenge of the material, even if it was his own death at his own hand.

I didn't know Robin Williams, but he spoke to me. He spoke to me as Mrs. Doubtfire, as Mork from Ork, as Peter Pan vs. Hook. As that ridiculous penguin in Happy Feet. He spoke to me as Oliver Sacks in Awakenings or Dr. Sean Maguire in Good Will Hunting, as Adrian Cronauer in …

Goooooooood Morning Vietnam!

He spoke to me as the raving, brilliant, preposterous standup comedian who, with Craig Ferguson as his accomplice, could spend 12 minutes wringing all the comic possibilities out of the word "chlamydia."

Even better, he could make golf funny in ways Bob Hope never imagined.

He spoke to me as the virtuoso genie from Aladdin, the high-water mark of Disney animation.

Most of all, regardless of the role, he spoke the truth. No one was more subversive than Robin Williams because he was immune to censorship.

He was too funny. He made the censors laugh.

He couldn't help himself. He'd turn up on one of those cookie-cutter late-night talk shows where everyone is all glib charm, and turn his guest spot, sandwiched between commercials, into a tour de force of the truth. Whatever the topic — sex, acting, addiction (especially his own) — he made it real. And very funny.

He couldn't help himself: No one could stop him, so he stopped himself. So in the wake of the most glorious noise, the silence is deafening.

Except for this: a scene from the 1989 movie Dead Poets Society, where Williams is John Keating, an idealistic young teacher who brings the truth of poetry to young men at an uptight boarding school. Keats is quoting Whitman: "Oh me! Oh life! Of the questions of these recurring. Of the endless trains of the faithless, of cities fill'd with the foolish. What good amid these, O me, O life? Answer. That you are here — that life exists and identity. That the powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse.

"What will your verse be?"

Thank you, Robin, for asking the question, even if the answer escaped your grasp.

FOR SALE

Boon Island Light Station sits in the Gulf of Maine off the coast of York.
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Lighthouse could maybe still be yours … if you dare

The U.S. government says it will push back the closing time of an auction on New England's tallest lighthouse.

The Boon Island Light Station is up for auction until Wednesday. Ten bidders have made offers with a top bid of $41,000 US. It may be extended again.

Talk of building a lighthouse on Boon Island dates back as early as 1710 when a ship ran aground on the barren outcrop that makes up the island. The crew were forced to resort to cannibalism before being rescued.

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Island living

"Eight or nine miles out, in plain sight, Boon Island lifts its solitary shaft aloft like an 'eternal exclamation mark' to the temerity of its builders. There is no comfortable dwelling on that lonely rock, over which storms sweep unchecked. The tower is itself both house and home to the watchmen of the sea, and in great gales a prison from which there is no escape until the return of fine weather." **Samuel Adams Drake,** writing in The Pine Tree Coast, 1891

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Discover Pyongyang

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Toronto-born JT Singh teamed up with flow-motion videographer Rob Whitworth and tour operator Koryo Tours to provide a rather stunning look at a day in the life of Pyongyang, North Korea. Obviously, there are some extremely tight restrictions on filming in North Korea — even in the showcase capital — and the people involved in the project were dutifully watched over by guides employed by a shockingly cruel reign. But glimpses into North Korea are still very rare, especially ones so beautifully shot. (JT Singh/Vimeo)

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‘O Captain! My Captain!’

Shazbot. Remembering the wildly funny and outsized talent of Robin Williams who has us all standing on our desks

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The first time I saw Robin Williams was on 90 Minutes Live with Peter Gzowski, a Canadian late–night talk show that aired from 1976 to 1978. Thirty five years later I can still remember the frantic burst of energy that emanated from my television late that Friday night.

Gzowski grinned as the comic careened through their chat, jumping from joke to joke, impression to impression, including Williams’s take on the world’s most intelligent child. “I find most adults very banal, but I’ll talk to you, anyway.”

“Where did you get that character from?” Gzowski asked, “Was it based on anyone?”

“Me, basically. As a kid.”

“Were you brilliant as a child?”

“Yes, and as a young man, too,” replied the impish 27-year-old.

The standup comedians I had seen on television wore suits and told one-liners. This was stream of consciousness, a wild look at a comedic mind that didn’t work the way I was accustomed to them working. For six minutes it felt like an alien had taken control of my TV, a life force like I had never seen before.

Appropriately enough, soon afterward he appeared as Mork, the E.T. from Ork, on Happy Days and his career was officially launched.

For the next 35 years, Williams was a constant on our screens, big and small. His first starring role in a movie, 1980’s Popeye, was met with critical scorn and weak box office, but Roger Ebert had praise for the star, calling William’s “perpetual squint and lopsided smile” completely convincing.

Moving from strength to strength he embarked on a remarkable run of films, earning the first of three Best Actor Oscar nods for Good Morning, Vietnam and winning an Academy Award for his work as an empathetic therapist in Good Will Hunting. A handful of Golden Globes celebrated his work in Good Morning, Vietnam, The Fisher King and Mrs. Doubtfire.

He leaves behind a diverse legacy from the laughs of The Birdcage to the drama of Awakenings to the chills of One Hour Photo, the seize-the-day uplift of Dead Poets Society and the ad-libbed brilliance of Aladdin. Every decade since that appearance on 90 Minutes Live has given us a memorable Williams performance, and he will live, on the screen at least, with three more films scheduled for release this year and next.

Everyone has a favourite Robin Williams character. For me its Parry, the treasure hunter in The Fisher King. It’s a funny, bittersweet performance in a movie that mixes fantasy and reality in equal doses. “I’m a knight on a special quest,” Parry says, words that could apply to Williams’s crusade to entertain in weird and wonderful ways.

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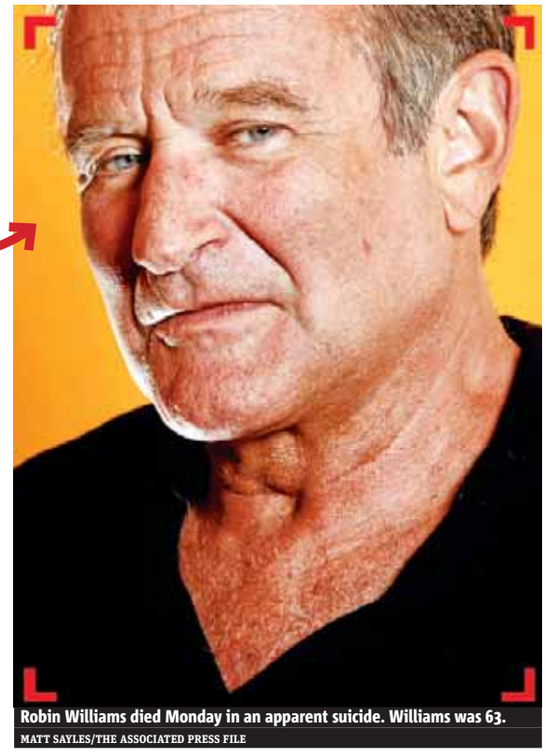

Robin Williams died Monday in an apparent suicide. Williams was 63.
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Rocky road. Age ain't nothin' but a number for our favourite action hero, unless the Teletubbies are on TV

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Antonio Banderas and Sylvester Stallone share a laugh on the set of Expendables 3. HANDOUT

As head Expendable, Sylvester Stallone has never been one for too much humility, and given the success of his Grumpy Old Men with Guns franchise, he has no need to be. That can lead to some pretty impressive statements from Sly. Here are some of our favourites from his Expendables 3 press tour.

On whether he has considered retirement

"Why? I'm not ready to sit at home and play with Pomeranians 12 hours a day," he insists. "I'm just not ready. Remember in old Vaudeville, there was a cane that came out and snatched you off the stage? Well, I'm waiting for that. Until they just hook me off the stage, that's it."

On working with new, younger cast members

"I remember the first time I came out here. I was like these guys," Stallone ruminates. "I get on the elevator and there's Paul Newman. And you're not prepared for it. You think you're prepared for it. And then you wonder if they feel the same way about us. I'm sure they do."

On the departure of Bruce Willis from the franchise

"What happened with Bruce Willis? Well, things didn't work out and then Harrison Ford came along," Stallone explains. "It's just the way it is. It's nothing personal. It sounded like it got personal and I'm sorry it did sound that way, but it was just actors talking and things move on."

Going to the dogs

"I'm not ready to sit at home and play with Pomeranians 12 hours a day."

Sylvester Stallone on saying no to retirement

On opening opposite Sin City: a Dame to Kill For, which features Willis

"Oh, Sin City?" Stallone laughs. "I must crush you."

On aging in general

"Age is a state of 'old' mind. It gets to a point where if you get old enough you forget how old you are, and that's the best thing," he says. "You walk around, kind of like in a fog. So you really don't know how old you are until you find yourself watching The Teletubbies drunk one night and you're like, 'I'm really f—ed up.'

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Paris not as bright as the button she's pushing to rake in $347K/hr

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Are Paris Hilton's retweets a form of protest or a sign of total self-delusion? Asking for a friend. OK, here's the deal: Word spread quickly this week about how much the hotel heiress and sex-tape entrepreneur pulls down for her work as a DJ in Ibiza this summer — and she's pulling down a lot. "She's making $2.7 million from the four nights — $347,000 an hour," a source tells the Sun. "The crowds do seem to enjoy it, but most are too off their faces to care that she's simply pressed play on a Beyoncé mega-mix." Or maybe their expectations of Hilton's abilities are so low that they're actually blown away by her button-pressing abilities. But that's beside the point. As versions of this story have been popping up online, Hilton has been actively retweeting them in a seeming act of braggadocio. Here's the thing, though: She seems to be missing the point that this is not being reported as a good thing.

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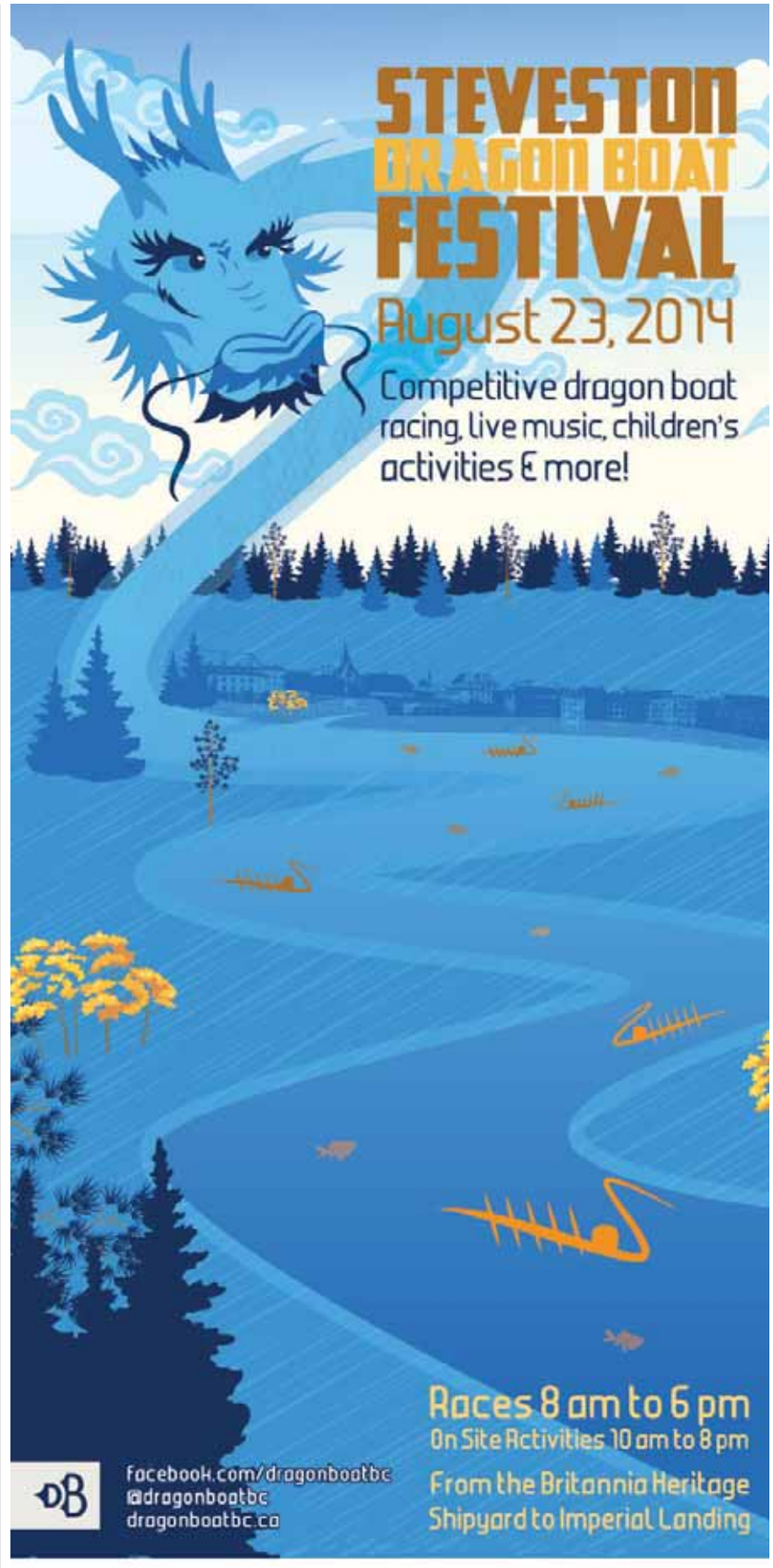

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Trend

Bye-bye room service

TIM STEWART

Full steak meals on a silver platter? Not anymore. As fewer travellers seem to care about room service (research puts the amenity at only 1 per cent of hotel revenue), more hotels are opting out. Some hotels are teaming up with nearby eateries to drum up unique ways to feed the masses, with many offering a grab-and-go service. The Hilton chain is credited with getting this ball rolling. Their Waikiki Beach location lets guests order food online or via phone app. New York's Hudson Hotel and the Public Chicago both offer interesting brown-bag options. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Deal

2-for-1 Broadway tickets

This is so exciting you may just wet your velvet chair. Twenty-one top Broadway shows are offering 2-for-1 tickets Sept. 1 to 14 during Broadway Week. This year, new shows such as The Country House, This Is Our Youth and You Can't Take It With You will be joining award-winning productions Aladdin, Cabaret, Les Misérables and more. This half-price deal beats standing in line all afternoon at the TKTS booth when you could be shopping. On sale Aug. 18. Visit this website: www.nycgo.com/broadwayweek DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Atlantic City: Not just for gamblers anymore

City tries to woo gay tourists

As the New Jersey resort town of Atlantic City struggles to find a new identity and new sources of revenue, the city is once again wooing gay tourists with vigour.

Atlantic City is planning a series of events to attract gay tourists, who are becoming an increasingly important part of the resort's growth strategy.

"Atlantic City had its heyday with the gay population on New York Avenue," said the city's openly gay mayor Don Guardian earlier this year. "This is where you came when you wanted to have a good time. Straight people came to these places, too, because they wanted to party and dance in the hottest clubs."

But when casino gambling began in 1978, soaring land prices pushed out many small gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses.

Events aimed at the gay community this year include the StandOUT Expo, a networking event in September for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual community, and the Miss'd America Pageant, a drag spoof of the famous pageant, also in September. The mayor also dedicated a gay-friendly beach in Atlantic City at Park Place near Bally's, but says the entire city is gay-friendly.

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Las Vegas

Atlantic City takes a swing at golf tourists

Beyond casinos.
Luring players to the town's links is all part of a $30-million plan to showcase all this destination has to offer

BRIAN KENDALL
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Twisted Dune Golf Club boasts a great layout and is within driving distance of the city. COURTESY TWISTED DUNE GOLF CLUB

Atlantic City is doubling down on golf.

Back when casinos along the famous Boardwalk were booming, the 20 public courses on this stretch of the south New Jersey coast went almost unnoticed. But the recession and stiff competition from dozens of new casinos throughout the U.S. northeast have slashed revenues and changed the city's tourism focus.

Golf and other non-gaming attractions such as shopping, dining, concerts and amusement parks are being heavily promoted as part of a $30-million 'DO AC' campaign.

The game's local roots date to the 1887 opening of the Atlantic City Country Club, which still ranks as the area's marquee course. Native grasses and tidal marshes define a classic layout originally designed by Willie Park Jr., the British Open champion in 1887 and 1889.

Six USGA championships have been played here, but the club's real claim to fame is as the birthplace of the golf term "birdie" in 1903. Frequent celebrity visitors have included Bob Hope, boxing champion Joe Louis and Arnold Palmer, who made it his home course while serving nearby in the Coast Guard in the 1950s.

Other top layouts within an easy drive of Atlantic City include Twisted Dune Golf Club, Shore Gate Golf Club, McCullough's Emerald Golf Links, Harbor Pines Golf Club, Sand Barrens Golf Club, Running Deer Golf Club and Blue Heron Pines Golf Club.

At the Vineyards, golfers play through the grounds of Renault Winery, established in 1864 and one of the oldest wineries in the United States.

And the fairways of Seaview Golf Resort's venerable Bay Course — the host of the LPGA Tour's ShopRite Classic and where Sam Snead famously won the 1942 PGA Championship — offer views across Reeds Bay of the casino towers of a city in transition.

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie has made revitalizing Atlantic City a key priority of his administration. New parks, art installations and landscaping have been added throughout the downtown area, and the Boardwalk has been cleaned up and opened up by the casinos, some of which once tried to restrict access to the waterfront to keep customers inside.

Opened in 2012, the splashy highrise Revel Casino Hotel has dramatically altered the Atlantic City skyline. The $2.4-billion resort is home to a Las Vegas-style concert space featuring headliners such as Dionne Warwick, the Barenaked Ladies and Natalie Cole.

Gaming industry giant Golden Nugget Inc. has taken over management of the former Trump Marina Hotel Casino, pouring $150 million into renovations. And Caesars Entertainment Corp. is investing $150 million in a meeting and conference facility at its Harrah's Atlantic City location.

But perhaps the best news — apart from the new focus on golf, of course — was the return last September of the Miss America pageant after six years in archrival Las Vegas. The pageant, a local institution since 1920, is regarded as an important showcase for the recent civic improvements.

The odds on Atlantic City's recovery are looking better all the time.

For the family

Family-friendly options range from minigolf and paintball to the Atlantic City Aquarium. But a long-time local favourite is Steel Pier, an amusement park that juts into the ocean from the boardwalk and has more than 25 extreme rides. Opened in 1898, the park is undergoing a $100-million makeover.

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The social media sit-down

Ready to be recruited. Prepare for the points that are bound to be a part of this industry's interview

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Social media is a field with a lot to offer a recent grad or new professional..

While you may already have extensive skills using different social media platforms in your personal life, don't assume you can do well in an interview just by showing up.

Every organization has different goals and expectations of their social media presence, so it's impossible to predict exactly what kinds of questions you'll encounter in an interview.

However, there are a number of common topics that are almost certain to come up when you're interviewing for a role that involves social media. Planning to discuss these areas of your experience is a great way to get your interview prep started.

Your experience with different platforms

To be the in-house expert on social media, you'll need to demonstrate extensive knowledge of common platforms — and the skills to pick up new ones as needed.

Interviewers will often ask questions that pertain specifically to one platform or another, even posing specific scenarios related to social media use.

Personal use of social media is very different from business social media use. Make sure you research and understand the strategy involved with each platform, and be prepared to apply your knowledge to the employer's questions.

Tip: Your future employer has probably checked out your social media footprint. If there are major platforms you don't use very often (or at all), make sure to indicate why — and show that you still understand their role and effective use.

Your understanding of analytics

Providing concrete results matters in every role, and social media is no exception.

To show an employer that you're equipped for the job, you'll need to demonstrate that you know how to measure results, use different metrics to draw conclusions and make recommendations based on data.

When you discuss a specific situation, project or campaign that you handled in the past, don't just describe your ideas or how entertaining they were — highlight how you used data to guide your decisions and measure your success.

In your personal life, you probably don't use data to guide your social media use. In the professional world, understanding the numbers will back up that you know what you're doing.

Tip: Bring examples of campaigns or posts you have published in the past and the results they garnered (make sure to have some kind of comparison or benchmark).

Your writing skills

Some interviewers will ask you to complete an onsite writing test, or request a writing sample as part of the screening process.

The ability to function under pressure is a key social media skill, so you'll need to be ready to produce polished work on the spot.

Make a strong impression during your interview by bringing some relevant writing samples you can provide as needed. If your work has been published online, this is a great way to underscore your past experience and success.

If you don't have any published work online, starting a blog or personal website to showcase your writing is a great way to get started.

Tip: An organization's social media profiles will use specific language, phrasing and tone. Make sure you understand these features and can replicate them with ease.

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Pack a picnic. Metro's week of helping you to dine outdoors continues with this very versatile take on Ground Beef Kabobs

DINNER EXPRESS
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Enjoy a fun picnic dinner with your family by making it less fussy and more simple to put together. Using a few simple ingredients you can take something that old and tired, and change it up to become a new picnic favourite.

These kabobs are made with ground beef, but you can use any ground meat your family enjoys, including ground turkey, chicken, pork or veal.

If you are feeling a bit adventurous look for lean ground bison in local butchers to shake up your picnic recipe.

Get your kids to help out and shape the kabobs.

Whether they are served hot-dog style in a bun or straight up as meatballs, the best part is dipping them! My kids like to leave the bun behind and dip in sauces or condiments you may already have.

Pick up mini potatoes, steam or boil them for about eight minutes just until they are tender, then put them on a kabob as well.

You can also roll the mixture into 24 meatballs and skewer onto small soaked wooden or metal skewers alternating with 18 grape tomatoes. Other veggies that work well include two small zucchini, cut in chunks or 18 small gourmet button mushrooms. Either way, cook the kabobs as the recipe directs.

Kids and adults alike will love the versatility and simplicity of this recipe.

And don't forget dessert. With some fruit and perhaps a few marshmallows you can skewer up a sweet treat for the family.

Be sure to have some chocolate nearby if you want to dip into something a bit more sweet.

1. In large bowl combine beef, coriander, garlic, cumin, Worcestershire sauce, and pepper until well distributed.

2. Divide mixture into 6 and shape each into about a 10-cm (4-inch) hot-dog shape. Place on foil-lined baking sheet and bake in 190 C (375 F) oven for about 15 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

3. Place in small hot dog buns and wrap up to go.

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- 454 g (1 lb) extra lean ground beef
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped fresh coriander or parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cumin
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground pepper
- 8 small whole wheat hot dog buns

This recipe serves six. While the kabobs pictured here are skewered, this recipe works just as well when the meat is shaped into a "hot dog." The choice is yours. EMILY RICHARDS

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SPORTS 4

Ladner lefty Paxton's back on Mariners' hill

MLB. Rookie hurler spent almost four months on the disabled list earlier this season

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What started out with such a positive feel quickly turned into a months-long testament of patience for James Paxton in his first full season with the Seattle Mariners.

Following two starts — he earned the victory in both cases — to begin the 2014 season, Paxton spent nearly four whole months on the disabled list.

The towering left-handed pitcher from Ladner, born in Richmond and a product of the BCPBL's North Delta Blue Jays, strained his left latissimus dorsi muscle in April, and then experienced soreness in his throwing shoulder when he was coming back from the initial injury.

The 25-year-old Paxton has since returned to the Mariners' rotation, having made two starts since the beginning of August.

Seattle is in the hunt for a wild-card spot, only one game back of the Detroit Tigers before the start of Tuesday's game between the Mariners and the visiting Toronto Blue Jays at Safeco Field.

"Being up here and having to sit out for those three-and-a-half, four months was really tough, especially just starting my major-league career," said Paxton.

Paxton's next start is expected to come Friday, when the Mariners open a three-game road series with the Tigers.

Paxton, Seattle's fourth-round pick in 2010, joined the Mariners last September, promptly winning three of four starts.

It was in the BCPBL where his eyes were opened to the opportunities in baseball.

He also learned the value of a strong work ethic, which his former coach Ari Mellios instilled in Paxton as a teenager.

"It's always your choice," said Paxton.

"If you want to be one of the best, you have to be able to take it upon yourself to do the extra work."

M's double up on Jays

Kyle Seager and Kendrys Morales both belted home runs for the Mariners in a 6-3 win over the Blue Jays on Tuesday night. For the full story, go to metronews.ca.

Ladner's James Paxton is 2-0 with a 2.38 ERA in four starts for the Mariners this season. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Happy return back in T.O.? No way, O'Shea!

Four TD throws.
Winnipeg picks up its second straight loss in Mike O'Shea's return to Rogers Centre

Ricky Ray threw four touchdown passes to lead the Toronto Argonauts past the Winnipeg Blue Bombers 38-21 on Tuesday night.

Ray finished 26-of-33 passing for 297 yards to earn Toronto (3-4) its second straight win for a four-point lead atop the East Division standings. The Argos won't have much time to relish the victory, achieved before an announced season-high Rogers Centre gathering of 18,106. They're back in action Sunday night, hosting the B.C. Lions (4-3).

However it was sweet redemption for Toronto, which dropped a season-opening 45-21 loss in Winnipeg. And Ray engineered the impressive victory without regular receivers Andre Durie (clavicle), Chad Owens (foot), Jason Barnes (knee), John Chiles (hamstring) and heralded rookie Anthony Coombs (shoulder).

Winnipeg (5-3) suffered its second straight loss following a 23-17 home defeat to Saskatchewan on Thursday. It also spoiled Bombers coach Mike O'Shea's return to Rogers Centre.

Toronto Argonauts' running back Steve Slaton, right, breaks the tackle of Winnipeg Blue Bombers' Ian Wild in Toronto on Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

On Tuesday

Bombers	Argonauts
21	38

O'Shea spent 16 seasons as a player and coach with Toronto, winning four Grey Cups, before being hired by Winnipeg in the off-season.

Ray cemented the victory with a 32-yard touchdown pass to Spencer Watt that rounded out the scoring at 11:35 of the fourth. Ray put Toronto ahead 28-21 just 58 seconds into the quarter with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Curtis Steele after Cleyon Laing recovered former Argo Romby Bryant's fumble at the Winnipeg 49-yard line.

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CFL Awards

Glenn is Week 7's offensive player

B.C. quarterback Kevin Glenn is the CFL's offensive player of the week for Week 7 after his aerial assault helped the Lions to a win over Hamilton.

Glenn threw for 407 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score as the Lions beat the Tiger-Cats 36-29 Friday.

Glenn is currently second in the league with 1,797 passing yards and has eight passing touchdowns this season.

He reached the 400-yard mark for the seventh time in his career.

In other awards, Saskatchewan defensive end John Chick won the defensive player of the week award while Roughrider teammate Jerome Messam was named top Canadian.

Ticats' returner Brandon Banks took special teams honours.

Chick recorded a career-high three sacks in the Roughriders' 23-17 road victory over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Thursday.

This is Chick's second player of the week award this season. He was also named defensive player of the month for July.

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B.C. Lions' quarterback Kevin Glenn passes against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats during a game in Vancouver on Friday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

U-20 Women's World Cup

Canada through to quarter-finals

Janine Beckie scored in the 65th minute and Canada held on the defeat North Korea 1-0 on Tuesday night and secure a spot in the quarter-finals of the FIFA women's under-20 World Cup.

Canada and North Korea both finished group stage play with two wins and a loss, but Canada finished second in Group A based on goal differential and will play Group B winner Germany in Toronto on Saturday night. North Korea will face the United States in Edmonton.

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Janine Beckie celebrates her winning goal for Canada against North Korea on Tuesday night in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA. Ballmer officially new L.A. Clippers owner

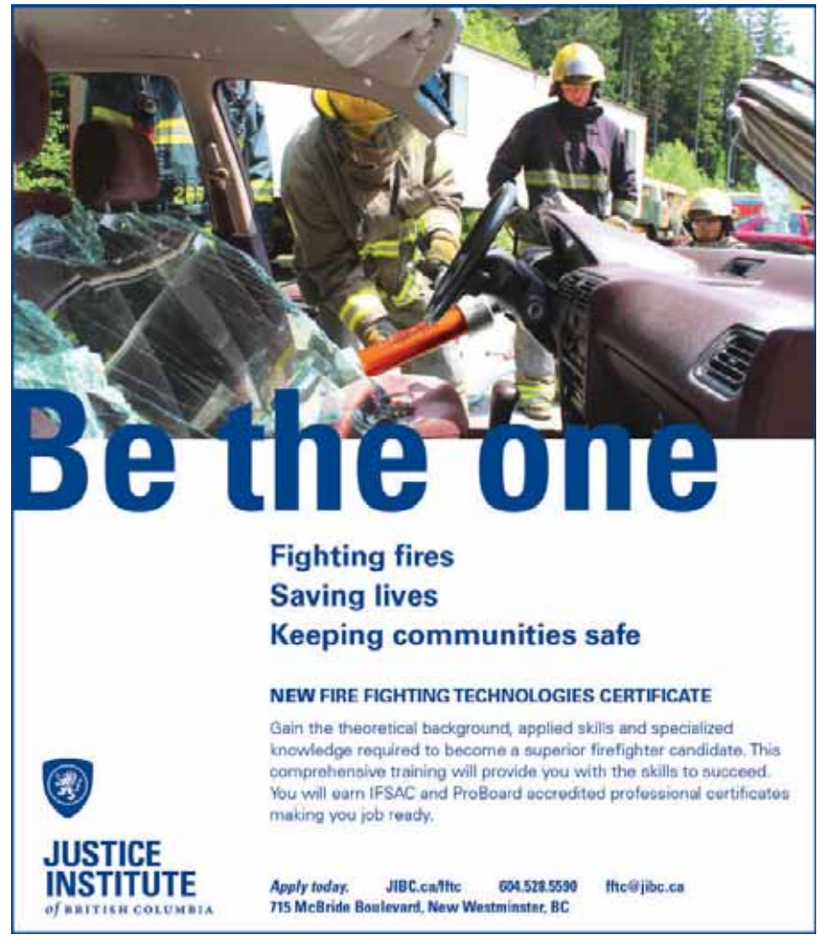
The Clippers moved on from months of ugliness Tuesday, with Steve Ballmer officially becoming the team's new owner in a record $2-billion US sale that ousted Donald Sterling as the NBA's longest-tenured owner.

Sterling bought the team in 1981 for $12 million and presided over decades of losing seasons before engaging in a fierce legal battle with his estranged wife to hold on to his most prized asset.

The NBA Board of Governors had previously approved the sale. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Embrace Ronaldo's brace

Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid celebrates with teammates James Rodriguez, Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema after scoring the opening goal in the 30th minute of the UEFA Super Cup between Real Madrid and Sevilla FC on Tuesday in Cardiff, Wales. Ronaldo scored again four minutes into the second half in Real Madrid's 2-1 win. Scan the image with your Metro News app for a gallery of action from around Europe. CLIVE MASON/GETTY IMAGES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2015 Nissan Leaf

- **Type:** Five-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback
- **Engine:** 80 kW AC electric motor with 24 kW Lithium-ion battery (equivalent to 107 hp)
- **Transmission:** Automatic (single-speed gear reducer)
- **Base price:** $33,788

Market position

Designed to be an EV for both early adopters and mainstream compact car buyers. Unlike its competitors, the Leaf was designed from the ground up as an EV. It is now the global leader in EV sales, with a 45-per-cent market share.

Points

- Maximum range of 135 km on a full charge
- Eight-year/160,000-km battery warranty
- Some provincial subsidies available for EV purchase
- Charge time (zero to full) takes 20 hours at 110 volts, 4 hours at 220 volts
- Drives and feels like a conventional compact

As a five-door hatchback, the Leaf is a very practical compact car.

Safety features

Six airbags, ABS, traction and stability control, tire-pressure monitoring system, anti-theft engine immobilizer, rear-view monitor, available 360-degree monitor.

DRIVE

Sowing the seeds of doubt

Review. Nissan Leaf EV may seem futuristic, but it looks, handles and is starting to sell like a regular small car

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A lot of folks, on both sides of the consumer/automaker fence, don't think this electric-vehicle thing has legs. Many automakers are sending mixed messages. Toyota has even announced that it's done selling pure EVs.

But you know what? New models keep showing up. The number of people buying and considering them is rising. And EVs remain one surefire way for automakers to achieve the very strict fuel-efficiency regulations coming down the pike in the U.S.

Net result: EVs have put down serious roots. So it's time to think of them as less of a novelty and more as just another alternative that may or may not fit your lifestyle.

When it launched the Leaf in 2011, Nissan went out of its way to make non-believers comfortable, with a modern (but not too space-shippy) exterior, and ride and handling characteristics similar to what small-car drivers expect.

Along the way, the company added a new, lower-priced base model and reduced prices across the board by $3,000. It also gave the Leaf a faster charger, which reduced 220-volt charge time to five hours from seven.

It took awhile to gain traction, but Nissan has now sold more than 125,000 Leafs around the world and is on pace to sell about 100 a month in Canada, where Quebec is the best market by far. Alberta? Not so much.

While recently testing a 2015 model, I was again reminded how normal this car feels. The only thing that separates it from similar gas-powered hatchbacks is its silent running and above-average acceleration. The electric motor offers the equivalent of 107 horsepower, but the instant and full torque of electric propulsion translates into good jump whenever you hammer the go-pedal.

Leaf drivers can even use the Internet or a smartphone to control air conditioning, set charging functions, and access data like the charge status of their rides. Like the Leaf itself, it's the future.

Compare

1 Ford Focus Electric
Base price: $34,407
Most direct competitor to the Leaf. Solid performer, but a slow seller so far.

2 Mitsubishi i-MiEV
Base price: $29,698
Least-expensive EV on the market. Comes up short here and there, but big on cute and green.

3 BMW i3
Base price: $47,768
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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Tesla to add third model aimed at entry-level buyers

California automaker Tesla says it will build an entry-level model to complement its Model S and Model X electric vehicle lineup. A 2017 release date has been set. CEO Elon Musk hasn't revealed performance details, but says the Model 3 will have its own platform and will sell for about $40,000 in Canada. He told Britain's Auto Express magazine he expects the Model 3 to have a range of more than 300 kilometres and deliver performance "similar" to the current Model S. Rather than borrowing from the Models S and X, Auto Express says the Model 3 will be based on an entirely new platform. Tesla engineering chief Chris Porritt, formerly of Aston Martin, will lead the development effort. **ALL STORIES AND PHOTOS FROM WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM.**

Now that the Model X is nearing production, Tesla is planning a third model, with a price of about $40,000.

BMW electric car a huge hit in Britain

It's official, the first-ever United Kingdom Car of the Year is ... German. The all-electric BMW i3 city car trumped the Best Supermini category, and went on to claim the title of UK Car of the Year 2014. Alternative vehicles have made a big impression on U.K. car buyers in recent years, said awards managing director John Challen, "and the i3 takes things to the next level. Runner-up was the Ford Fiesta ST, which won the best performance car category. A third-place tie went to the Skoda Octavia Estate and the Jaguar F-Type.

The BMW i3 is UK Car of the Year. The all-electric car was lauded for maintaining the driving characteristics of traditional Bimmers.

Shift points

- Tesla has opened its first Canadian Supercharger station in Squamish, B.C., on the Sea-to-Sky Highway between Vancouver and Whistler.
- British publication Autocar recently drove a Mercedes-Benz E300 Bluetec Hybrid sedan from northern Africa to the U.K. on a single tank of diesel fuel; that's 1,960 km. The bone-stock car was fitted with a 21.1-gallon tank.
- Volvo has developed a first-of-its-kind dual-clutch automated manual gearbox for heavy trucks that not only maintains even engine torque throughout its range, but boasts lightning-quick shifts for a more comfortable ride.

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Seal your driveway's future with a DIY top-up

Driving Force. Forget the shady contractors; a quick and easy coat of sealant can help prevent cracking and fading

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Although some people prefer hiring a contractor, sealing your driveway is a fairly simple job to do yourself. CONTRIBUTED

A well-kept driveway will affect the appearance and possibly even the value of your house, but asphalt doesn't last forever. Water, salt, and leaking vehicle fluids can cause your driveway to crack, fade or soften over time.

Sealing your driveway can help prevent these problems, but many people are hesitant because they've heard horror stories about unscrupulous contractors.

"It's a preventative measure to maintain your property, the same way that you'd maintain your car or another part of your home," says Desmond Brown, a Royal LePage real estate salesperson and consultant for Canadian Tire. "When you see cracks, you have to get to them fairly quickly to stop the water from getting in."

There are several types of sealers available, most of which are an emulsion of different ingredients that can include polymers, refined coal tar, asphalt, clay, or sand. Although some people prefer having it professionally installed, it's a relatively simple do-it-yourself job.

As with any type of coating, the quality of the finished job depends on how well the surface is prepped. Use a broom to sweep away debris, and remove any weeds that have grown through the cracks. If there are stains on the asphalt, use degreaser to lift them off, and wash the driveway, preferably with a pressure washer.

The sealant will fill very shallow cracks, but deeper ones should be packed and levelled off with a crack filler. Rubberized fillers are flexible and better able to withstand stress when the driveway expands or contracts with temperature changes.

Once the driveway is prepped, the sealer can be applied, which should be done on a dry day. Tackling one section at a time, pour sealer onto the surface and then spread it evenly with a roller. Allow it to dry and cure according to the directions.

If you do get a professional to seal the surface, take the same care you would when hiring any other contractor, Brown says. This means not simply saying "yes" when someone knocks on the door and says he has some leftover sealer from a nearby job and will spread it on your driveway at a bargain price.

"If they're doing a job down the street, go down and look at that job," Brown says. "Look at other jobs they've done, not just recently, but a year or two back, and see how their work has held up.

"Be very cautious; you have no idea who they are. Their product may be inferior, or diluted, or they're trying to spread it as thin as possible. There are enough contractors out there who are reputable and will supply you with clients they've dealt with before you hire them."

Sealing the deal

- Concrete and interlocking brick driveways can also be sealed to help maintain them, either professionally or as a do-it-yourself job.
- Sealants and fillers can vary in quality and longevity, so be sure you know what you're buying.
- How long the sealant lasts depends on several factors, but it should be done again when the colour starts to fade, or you notice small cracks.
- If a driveway is too cracked or is crumbling, sealing won't help, and it needs to be repaved.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
When talking with others today steer clear of emotional and controversial topics. The more people get worked up about what they believe, the more you should keep your distance.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you find yourself torn between loved ones and work today the best thing to do is to make a decision and stick to it. You can't please everyone.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The planets will help you make the break you have been dreaming of, the effort must come from you. If you don't make that move now, when will you make it?

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may lose your temper with someone who lets you down and they deserve it. Don't feel guilty if you go over the top because that seems to be the only language they understand.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Disruption is likely but the good news is you'll have the energy you need to deal with it. Stop feeling sorry for yourself and start making things happen.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't worry if you fall out with someone, because you'll be friends again before you know it. Everything seems more important than it actually is.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are unlikely to be tactful with people whose views and opinions you disagree with but that's OK because you are as entitled to your viewpoint as they are to theirs.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have a rep for keeping your head in difficult situations and it's a reputation that will be called on today. Whatever it is that excites other people, it won't move you in the slightest.

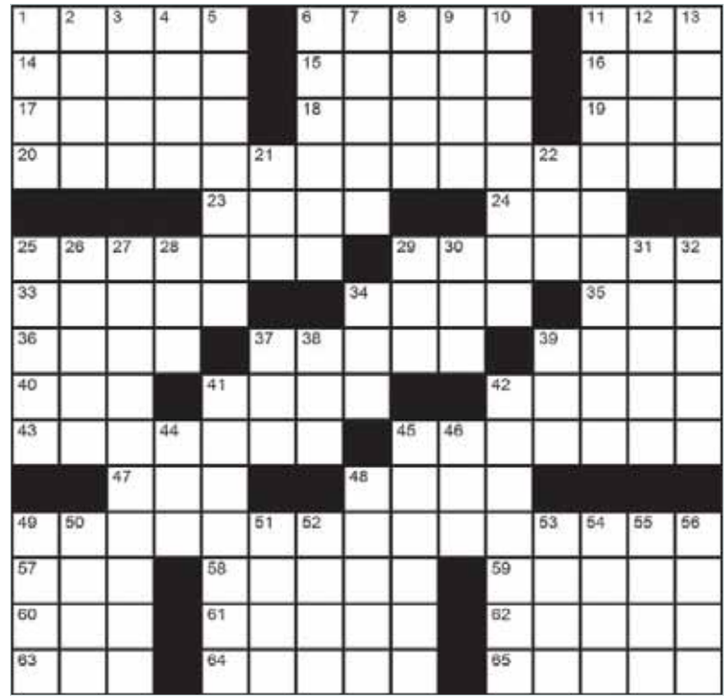
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A crisis has almost reached breaking point and what happens today and tomorrow will take it over the top. If a relationship is on the slide don't waste time trying to save it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will clash with someone over money today. Your instinct will be to fight to get back what is yours but after a while you may come to the conclusion that it's not worth the effort.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Others may be rushing around but you don't have to follow their lead. It's meaningless activity, designed to make lazy people look busy. Stay focused.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Some things are worth fighting about, others aren't. Over the next few days get serious about where you draw the line.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



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6. Potpourri piece
11. 'Inc.' cousin
14. Canadian band, with Blue
15. Oft-quoted phrase
16. "Just as I thought!"
17. "The _ __" by Ed Sheeran
18. Mature, as a mango
19. Besmirch
20. Feminist icon whose activism resulted in Quebec women getting the right to vote in 1940: 2 wds.
23. Isn't able
24. Post-op locale
25. Miss Universe Canada, for one
29. "Do you __ __ tell the truth..."
33. More maladied
34. Pump points
35. James __ (Smashing Pumpkins co-founder)
36. Fibber
37. Nautical "Stop!"
39. Poker 'bullets'
40. Washboard muscles, commonly
41. Wild goat
42. Nero's 1008
43. __ stockings
45. Rapacious seabirds
47. 'Horri' or 'Terri' suffix
48. __-_-tat-tat
49. Product by #48-Down: 3 wds.
57. Simon & Garfunkel
58. __ Baggins (The Hobbit character)
59. Outlandish
60. "The Wonder Years" actress, Olivia d'__
61. "I'm a Believer" part: "What's the __ __ trying..."
62. Salary increase
63. Sea: French
64. Mr. Penn
65. Show ticket, informally

Down
1. "I smell _ __!" (Something's fishy!)
2. Actor, Chris __
3. "Zip-_-__-Doo-Dah"
4. So __, yet so far away
5. VIA Rail seating area with fantastic views: 2 wds.
6. Nanny needer
7. Proclamation
8. Spanish appetizer
9. Musical, Rock of __
10. Vanessa __, Montreal-born actress
11. __ __ National Park, in the Laurentians, in Quebec
12. Noodle dish, Pad __
13. "Oh, __ it!"
21. Diego's partner
22. TV brand
25. Rice dish
26. Suspect's story
27. The Glacier Skywalk observation platform in Jasper National Park has a what?: 2 wds.
28. 'Pamphlet' suffix
29. Emergency message
30. Soaking
31. Our opposite
32. Noel and Liam's band
34. Sales __
37. Mr. Vigoda
38. Verify
39. Standard stat.
41. "Drive" band from Calabasas, California
42. Ontario: Georgian Bay municipality
44. Trendy
45. Mr. Bateman's
46. Took in
48. __ Hood (Canadian baking brand, since 1909)
49. "__-12" (Vintage TV show)
50. Car mechanic's job
51. Get up
52. Entreaty
53. Lei-wearer's party
54. Ear-related
55. Bear in Space
56. Jackie Wilson's "__ Petite"

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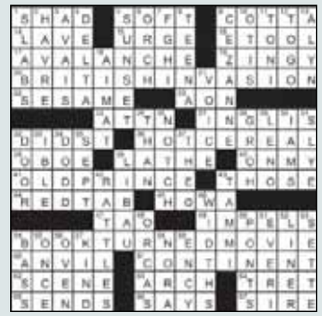

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	3			8			6	
		2	1		9	3		
6								4
3		9				5		6
			3		1			
4		8				7		2
9								1
		4	8		3	6		
	5			2			8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	5	1	9	4	8	2	7	3
3	8	4	7	2	1	9	5	6
9	2	7	5	3	6	1	8	4
2	9	6	3	7	4	5	1	8
5	4	8	1	6	2	3	9	7
7	1	3	8	5	9	4	6	2
1	6	9	2	8	3	7	4	5
8	3	5	4	1	7	6	2	9
4	7	2	6	9	5	8	3	1

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